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Annual Meeting

The 1975 annual meeting was held at the Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto on Friday, June 13th. The President, Professor Douglas Lochhead, in his opening remarks stressed that publication was a major aim of the Society. He mentioned that there were currently two publications in progress, the reprint of Lovell's type specimen book and an index to the Canadian Monthly and National Review. On behalf of all members, he also thanked our Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Esther Jacobsen, for her hard work and devotion in keeping the business of the Society going. Mrs. Jacobsen presented the Treasurer's Report, and reports were also made by the Chairman of the Publications Committee, Mr. Pearson Gundy, and the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. William Morley. The Tremaine Medal for 1975 was presented to Mr. Bruce Peel by the President in the absence of Miss Marie Tremaine. Mr. Peel then gave a most entertaining account of the adventures of a bibliographer, entitled "In Search of the Elusive." After the meeting members had an opportunity to meet informally over refreshments in the Faculty Lounge. The proceedings of the Annual Meeting will be presented in detail in the 1975 issue of the Papers/Cahiers.

Executive and Council for 1975/76

During the past year pressure of work has forced the resignation of the 1st Vice-President, Mr. Basil Stuart-Stubbs of the University of British Columbia. In addition to the changes in the Executive which this resignation necessitated, two new members were nominated to the Council. The revised slate for 1975/76, as presented at the Annual Meeting by Mr. Morley and accepted by the membership, is as follows:

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 Publications Committee
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 Mr. Peter E. Greig, Indexer to the Society
 Miss Elizabeth Hulse, Editor, Bulletin

New Members

The May 1975 Bulletin reported a large number of new members for the previous year. Our membership continues to grow, and we welcome those who have joined in recent months:

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 Library, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. S7N 0W0
 Wawrzyszko, Ms. Aleksandra, 81 - 1155 Haro Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 1E4
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 St. John's, Newfoundland.

Publications

The Lovell type specimen book promised for the Annual Meeting last summer is finally ready, and goes out to members with this Bulletin. I am sure you will find this facsimile with the introduction by Professor Lochhead an important addition to our knowledge of the history of printing in Canada. Mr. Gundy reported at the Council meeting in November that he had received page proofs for the Society's next publication, the index to the Canadian Monthly and National Review, and that while a certain amount of resetting would be required, work was going ahead.

The 1974 Papers/Cahiers are expected to be ready for distribution very shortly. They will include the proceedings of the 1974 Annual Meeting in Winnipeg and Mr. John Bovey's address "Sister Muses of the Canadian West." Other items will be Dr. Helmut Kallman's paper "Canadian Music Publishing," presented at the 1973 Colloquium, an article on Fleury Mesplet by Peter Greig, Michel Thériault's "Imprimé en caractères grecs à Montréal en 1837," an article by Susan McGrath on the origins of the Canadiana collection at the Metropolitan Central Library, and the book reviews. Miss Firth is still interested in receiving material for the 1975 Papers. Members

having articles suitable for publication should contact her at the Metropolitan Toronto Central Library, 214 College Street, Toronto, M5T 1R3. The deadline for the 1975 Papers is March 1976.

There have been a number of inquiries about the availability of earlier publications. Mrs. Jacobsen reports that back issues of the Papers are available to members upon payment of the appropriate membership fee for that year. Other publications are all available for sale, with the exception of Facsimile No. 3 (The Red River Expedition, by J. C. Major) and Mr. Gundy's Book Publishing and Publishers in Canada before 1900, which are both out of print. For further details please contact Mrs. Jacobsen.

Books for Review

Mr. Morley reports a few books available for review in the Papers. Reviews received now will not appear until the 1976 Papers. However, anyone interested in reviewing any of these titles should contact him at the Douglas Library, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 5C4.

Beaulieu, André & Louise Filion. Classification des publications gouvernementales du Québec. Québec, Ministère des affaires culturelles, 1974.

Cormier, Normand (et al). La chanson au Québec, 1965-1975. Montréal, Ministère des affaires culturelles, 1975. (Bibliographies québécoises, no. 3)

Ettlinger, John R. T. Publishing in Canada, II: East looks West. Halifax, Dalhousie University School of Library Service, 1973.

Lefebvre, Joan (et al). L'aménagement du territoire; bibliographie. Québec, Ministère des terres et forêts, 1974.

Metropolitan Toronto Library Board. Quarterly review of outstanding acquisitions, vol. 3, no. 3, Sept. 1974. (Sample issue for review)

Ryder, Dorothy E. Canadian reference sources. Supplement. Ottawa, Canadian Library Association, 1975.

News of Members

The National Library has announced the appointment of M. Michel Thériault, a recent member of the Council, as Head of the Retrospective Bibliography Division, Cataloguing Branch, effective September 15th, 1975. M. Thériault is a graduate of the Université de Montréal and of the Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto. In addition he has pursued postgraduate studies in canon law. Most recently he has held the position of Head of Acquisitions at the Library of the Université de Montréal.

Mr. John Miska, head of the Lethbridge Research Station Library and Area Co-ordinator for Agriculture Canada's libraries in Alberta, has compiled a bibliography on the Solonetz soils of the world, which has recently been published by the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau, Harpenden, England. This compilation of some 1230 citations includes bibliographies, monographs, research papers and abstracts relating to the subject, published in 17 languages, arranged by subject with cross references and indexes.

Meetings in 1976

The next Annual Meeting will be held in Halifax in June 1976 during the

conference of the Canadian Library Association. The exact date and further details of the meeting will be announced later.

A 3rd Colloquium on Canadian Bibliography is being planned for November 6th and 7th, 1976 at the Bibliothèque nationale du Québec in Montreal. The programme is being arranged by a local committee chaired by M. Jean-Rémi Brault, Conservateur en chef at the Bibliothèque nationale and the Associate Secretary of the Society. Further details will be announced in the next Bulletin.

Lorne Pierce Collection at Queen's

Mr. Morley reports that Queen's University Library still has on hand a large number of copies of A Catalogue of Canadian Manuscripts collected by Lorne Pierce and presented to Queen's University (Ryerson Press, 1946). Any member can have a copy simply by sending one dollar in cash to him at the Douglas Library, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 5C4.

Zola Program

Professor Henri Mitterand of the University of Toronto has asked us to publish the following notice:

An international group of researchers is currently preparing an edition of the collected correspondence of Emile Zola and would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who has or knows of letters (original/autograph) by or to Emile Zola. Any information could be sent to Professor Henri Mitterand, Zola Program, Robarts Library, 14th floor, University of Toronto, Toronto, M5S 1A1, Canada.

Annual Bibliography of the History of the Printed Book and Libraries

Members of the Society will be interested in this annual bibliography, edited by Hendrik D. L. Vervliet under the auspices of the Committee on Rare and Precious Books and Documents of the International Federation of Library Associations, and published by Martinus Nijhoff of The Hague. The ABHB attempts to record "all books and articles of scholarly value which relate to the history of the printed book, to the history of the arts, crafts, techniques and equipment, and of the economic, social and cultural environment, involved in its production, distribution, and conservation." Four volumes have been published so far covering the years 1970 to 1973, and the geographic coverage has been expanded with each volume. It is expected that Canada will be included in volume 5, to be published in 1976. The volumes already published are available from Martinus Nijhoff, P.O. Box 269, The Hague, Netherlands.

Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada/Comité des services bibliographiques pour le Canada

The National Library on May 30th, 1975 officially announced the establishment of this important new advisory body. The Committee has met twice, in May and in October of last year, and Mr. William Morley, the Society's representative on the Committee, has prepared the following report of those two meetings:

I. 21 May, 1975, Meeting

The principal resolution of the National Conference on the State of Canadian Bibliography, held in Vancouver in May 1974, was for the establishment of a national advisory council on bibliographical services. One year later, 21st May, such a body held its first meeting in the National Library, Ottawa. In welcoming the members, Dr. Guy Sylvestre explained that the National Library Advisory Board had responded to the Vancouver resolution by deciding at its January 1975 meeting to co-ordinate existing bibliographical services through an existing agency. The National Library Advisory Board therefore established a committee on bibliographical services, suggested what its main areas of concern might be, appointed a Chairman from its own ranks, and invited 8 Canadian organizations active in bibliographical endeavours to name representatives. The Bibliographical Society of Canada was one of the organizations invited.

The Chairman of the Committee is Miss Margaret Williams, who represents the National Library Advisory Board, the parent body. The National Library has undertaken to provide a permanent secretariat for the Committee in the person of Mr. Peter Greig, a member of the Library's staff. The National Library's representative is Miss Flora Patterson. The other organizations, with their representatives, are Bibliothèque nationale du Québec, M. Jean-Rémi Brault; Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Mr. W. Eric Clyde; Canada Council, Mr. Noel Gates; Advisory Board on Scientific and Technical Information, Dr. P. A. Lapp; Canadian Library Association, Mrs. Anne Piternick; Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de documentation, M. Bernard Vinet; Bibliographical Society of Canada, Mr. William F. E. Morley. Among the above names will be recognized some fellow members of the Bibliographical Society of Canada; notably M. Brault, the Society's Associate Secretary, and two other active participants in the Society's affairs, Miss Patterson and Mr. Greig.

Following Dr. Sylvestre's opening remarks at the first meeting of the Committee, Mrs. Piternick gave a brief report on developments since the Vancouver Conference. She also explained that the delay in publishing the Conference proceedings rested with those authors who had still not completed the editing of their papers. Referring to the main resolution of the Conference, she pointed out that the hope had been for an advisory council which would be an independent body. This hope was still alive, but she expressed the gratitude of the Conference to Dr. Sylvestre for his part in creating the present Committee. The Chairman, Miss Williams, then explained that the Committee would be a permanent body, reporting its decisions as recommendations to the National Library Advisory Board; she also drew attention to the National Library of Canada: Bibliographic Services, an extensive report distributed to the Committee and compiled for its information by the Committee's Secretary, who also heads the Bibliography Section of the National Library. Miss Patterson added that the National Library was also prepared to undertake the clearinghouse function recommended at the Vancouver Conference; at the second meeting of the Committee it became probable that this also would be undertaken by the Bibliography Section.

The Committee discussed the foregoing, then turned its attention to a title for itself, and to its constituency and terms of reference. The possibility of enlarging the Committee was left open, but the other matters were resolved as follows: Title: Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada/Comité des services bibliographiques

pour le Canada. Terms of Reference: 1) To determine bibliographical needs in Canada, where bibliography is defined as the identification, description and dissemination of recorded information; 2) To assign priorities for support of bibliographical activities as defined above; 3) To make recommendations through the National Library Advisory Board to funding and controlling bodies for bibliographical activities which they might support; 4) To assist the co-ordination of bibliographical activities in Canada; and, 5) To report at least annually to the National Library Advisory Board on the activities of the Committee.

The balance of this first meeting was devoted to a consideration of the many Recommendations advanced at the National Conference on the State of Canadian Bibliography (the Conference papers were assigned amongst the Committee members for the purpose of extracting and ordering the further recommendations from them), and to a discussion of various aspects of indexing and abstracting. Regarding the latter, which were considered to come within the Committee's meaning of bibliography, Miss Patterson reported briefly on the CLA Review Committee for the Canadian Periodical Index, of which she is Chairman. Miss Patterson also mentioned the National Librarian's long-standing interest in the co-ordination of Canadian indexing and abstracting services. Dr. Sylvestre has suggested that it would be appropriate for the Committee to sponsor a meeting of concerned individuals and organizations. The Bibliographical Society of Canada's past activities in the field were reported, and the problem of finding trained indexers in Canada was recognized by several Committee members.

II. 3 October, 1975, Meeting

The second meeting of the Committee was held, also at the National Library in Ottawa, on 3rd October, 1975. Mrs. Piternick reported that the proceedings of the Vancouver Conference were almost ready for publication, only some editing of the French-language version remaining now. They would appear in two volumes with, it was hoped, an introduction by Dr. Sylvestre.

The National Library's role as a clearing house was confirmed in principle, but Miss Patterson had to say that funding was still being sought for this project from the Treasury Board.

Dr. Sylvestre then proposed an indexing and abstracting meeting for the spring of 1976. After discussing this, the Committee recommended that the National Library Advisory Board, with perhaps the co-operation of ABSTI, convene a meeting of representatives of Canadian indexing and abstracting services, and that the invitation be issued by Dr. Sylvestre. Before invitations were sent out, however, the Committee considered that some background information should be gathered. This would include a report on the present situation and needs based on the results of a survey to be mounted by the Committee, a list of the indexing and abstracting recommendations of the Vancouver Conference, and a list of work presently being undertaken. Earlier Dr. Sylvestre had commented on the problems of finding financial sources for such projects; it was agreed, therefore, that more information should be collected on sources of funds for the support of general bibliographical activity in Canada, as well as in other countries for comparison.

Some of the other matters discussed were the enlargement of the Committee (it

was agreed that it should be sufficient to invite representatives of two publishers' organizations, and to call on other experts as needed, to advise the Committee); the extension of the Vancouver recommendations (extracted and listed since the first meeting) to include notes on those already in progress or accomplished, with the assignment of priorities for those remaining; and a discussion of correspondence received by the Committee's Secretary since last May, an encouraging amount of which concerned bibliographical work already in progress.

Members of the Bibliographical Society of Canada are invited to communicate information concerning bibliographical activities in Canada, planned or in progress, to: The Secretary, Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada, c/o Public Services Branch, Room 227, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, K1A 0N4.

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The Committee will be issuing digests of the minutes of its meetings. Anyone interested in receiving these digests should write to the Secretary.

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The possibility of publishing the Bulletin more frequently than twice a year was discussed at the November Council meeting, and it was felt that the added expense was not justified at present. It will continue to appear about April and November, barring further interruptions in the postal service. May I repeat my request for "any news items of interest to other members, personal, institutional or otherwise." I would also be interested in any suggestions for improving the publication. Items for inclusion in the Bulletin should be sent to the Editor. Claims for any of the Society's publications and inquiries about membership should be addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer.

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